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CLOSURE OF THE ENEWETAK FIELD STATION

This letter is provided to confirm arrangements regarding closure of the Enewetak Field Station that were discussed at the Department of Energy (DOE) Marshall Islands Program Review meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28 to 30, 1992.

At your direction, Raytheon Services Nevada (RSN) is proceeding with plans to close out DOE's on-site presence on Enewetak Island. As you are aware, many United States Government agencies, including the DOE and its predecessors, have maintained a presence on Enewetak Island for approximately 45 years. Two years ago, RSN was awarded a Management and Operating contract and has continued to man the Enewetak Field Station on the behalf of DOE to support the Department of the Interior in a work for others arrangement.

As a result of potential environmental and safety concerns about simply closing the Field Station and removing the DOE/contractor presence you have advised that prior to leaving the Enewetak Field Station RSN should do a Hazard Material (HAZMAT) and Safety survey relative to operations and actions performed by the DOE contractor from 1980 until the present. RSN proposes to do a limited environmental survey to evaluate the hazard potential of any materials that DOE has brought to the Atoll post resettlement by the Enewetak community. The preliminary estimated cost to DOE to complete the assessment and generate the report is \$65,000. RSN is in the process of preparing a full scope of work, schedule, and final estimate to clearly define all costs related to the assessment. You may expect that this information will be in your office prior to December 18, 1992.

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I enjoyed the open and frank discussions we shared at the September 28 to 30, 1992 meeting and look forward to supporting you in the execution of the DOE Marshall Islands Programs. If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.



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